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August Minutes

The August 12th meeting of the Palmetto Region, Porsche Club of America took place at the PIZZA HUT on Highway 17 South.

The meeting was called to order by president Bob Furnans at 8:00pm. The July minutes were read and approved. A treasurer's report stating a July 31st balance of \$139.05 was given.

Newsletter editor Helen Furnans gave a progress report to the membership. The newsletter will be mailed out to the members the last week of every month. Regular news features will include minutes of previous meeting, treasurer's report, sports calendar, technical column, and want ad. section. The members were asked to contribute articles whenever possible.

Warren Chard, Solo II event chairman, reported on progress thus far. He has phoned and written the Savannah Raceway officials to set a definite date, but has not received any answer. His committee is now trying to settle the problems connected with the event.

Larry Hook, activities chairman, reported that SCCA events at Ocala, Tuskegee, Courtland, and Huntsville have been definitely cancelled.

Roland Guadagni made a motion the meeting be adjourned.

The film for the evening was "Porschestrasse 42: A Tour Through the Porsche Factory".

July Minutes

The July 8th meeting of the Palmetto Region, Porsche Club of America was held at the Woodmere Apts. Lounge, Ashley Hall Road.

President Bob Furnans called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m. The minutes were read and approved. No treasurer's report was given due to the late arrival of the treasurer.

Warren Chard, chairman of the planned Solo II event at the Savannah Raceway, gave a brief report and a committee was selected to aid in this event. The committee is composed of Warren Chard, chr., and members Bob Furnans, Art Allison, and Don Montgomery.

Larry Hook, activities chr., reported on various SCCA events.

Roland Guadagni made a motion the meeting be adjourned.

After the adjournment, a film entitled "Twenty-four Hours of Daytona, 1969" was shown. While setting up the film the president gave a national parade report and asked for volunteers in filling club positions.

Treasurer's Report

July 1 Balance- \$142.30  
Received 68.80  
(May & June autocrosses; refund of national dues)  
Dispersments 71.35  
(June buffet meeting & film projector)  
July 31 Balance \$139.05

## SHOESTRING

### RACING

How about a racing car that can be used in four types of events, and all for about \$500. ?

During a typical bull session, the subject of mini-stocks was bought up. Not knowing what they were, I had to ask some questions and I got some interesting answers. Basically, here is what it is all about.

A mini-stocker is any foreign made sedan ( no pick-ups, station-wagons or sports cars). The displacement limit is 1200 cc up to 1962 and 1000 cc from 1962 up. The car must have a roll cage, four fenders, doors, trunk, and hood. Suspension must be stock but can be altered for handling or safety. So, what you have is a Mini or Renault R-8 or Sunbeam Imp, or any of a dozen cars, that is stripped or gutted, and tuned up. Racing is stocker style, on  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{3}{8}$ , or  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile oval dirt or asphalt tracks. There are at least 12 of these tracks within 125 miles of Charleston. Now, here's the kicker: They pay money ! You won't make a living but it sure cuts the cost of racing.

I mentioned four types of events. Besides the stock races, what would make a better autocross car ? Or how about Solo I and Solo II events. You could go to SCCA driver's school and not risk an expensive car. You could even race D sedan although not very competitively.

Now in order to do all this we need a Mini-Stock Racing Association in Charleston so if anyone wants more information or details, let me know.

Bob Furnans

#### Films:

Palmetto Region would like to thank Porsche-Audi Public Relations Dept., Volkswagen of America, Inc., Englewood Cliffs, N.J. for providing films to the club for the last two meetings.

## RUNNING

### IN THE

### RAIN

Corvette of Charleston sponsored an open autocross at Miller's West on Sunday, August 9, 1970. If anyone remembers, it poured buckets all day !

First mishap of the day was incorrect timing of half of the entries on the first run. And by the end of that run (changed to a practice time) the heavens had really opened up ! As the Corvette owners stood around silently (?) moaning, the Porsche people were grinning broadly. In fact, several Vet people vowed that we had done a rain dance.

The rain was so bad that Buddy Gaillard's car became waterlogged and refused to budge from a deep gully on the course. A drivers' meeting was held to decide whether to continue. The Porsches' persuaded their hosts to drive on; poor Buddy had to withdraw.

As trophies were presented, the Corvette owners valiantly handed over the hardware to our people. Bob Furnans took top time of the day. Don Montgomery was 1st in his class, followed by 2nd place Art Allison-- and then came Mike Huggins. Former Porsche owner Warren Kirkland took 1st in his class driving his new Mercedes.

No other Porsches ventured out that day, but these fellows can tell you--Porsches are terrific in the rain!!

Try it sometime.....

#### Operations Manual:

Recently Palmetto president, Bob Furnans, received the newly revised PCA Operations Manual. The manual provides a detailed list of benefits available to members and regions. Members having any questions concerning the PCA should contact the president and he will be able (hopefully) to find the answer in this manual.

CAROLINA  
HOSPITALITY

Two Palmetto members journeyed to Charlotte, N.C. for an autocross July 25th and really found Southern hospitality.

Nelson Durant and Bob Furnans decided it would be interesting to enter the Carolina Region PCA Bi-Racial Autocross on the Charlotte Motor Speedway. Nelson was to enter his 1965 Cabriolet and Bob his 1967 911S. However, Nelson's car was still being painted and he was driving around in our dilapidated 1955 Ford pickup. Those of you who have driven this jewel know it wouldn't make it to Charlotte !!

It was decided that Nelson and Bob would both drive the 911S in the event so off we went.....

On to the races.....

We arrived Saturday night and met the Carolina people at Gus's 49er for pizza and beer. You would have thought it was old home week. Upon leaving here, the Regan Rowes' invited us over for drinks. This was across town so the guys really tested their navigational skill in getting us back to the motel.

Sunday, bright and early, we entered the speedway. The high oval is really an awesome sight- I could just see Bob zooming off into space.

There were 45 entrants including representatives from Carolina PCA, Palmetto PCA, and Peachstate PCA. Since there were few women present and almost all the men were contestants, I volunteered to help with the timing. Now you know where I was for the entire day- right out in the sun recording all the times!! Sometimes I wonder if I'll ever learn...

The autocross itself was in two parts. Two separate courses were set up: one favoring 356's and one favoring 900 series.

There were two runs for each course. Scoring was by combining your top run on first course with top run on the second course.

The 911S class had nine entries. Bob Boggs, Carolina Region, was fastest time in this group. However, he won 2nd place top time of the day behind a ~~904~~ Peachstate entry. That moved Nelson up from 2nd to take the class 1st place trophy. Bob was right behind him, but no trophy was awarded due to a Carolina rule of only one trophy per car. Out of the total entries, Nelson and Bob were 6th and 8th overall.

By then it was late afternoon and the sun had taken its toll on these weary travelers !!! And none of us were looking forward to the drive back home-- everybody was trying to figure out how to cop out on the driving and leave it to the other fellow!

Ed Taylor, event chairman, invited us by for a cool one before we headed for Charleston. You can bet we accepted in a hurry.

The weekend ended with arrival in Charleston around 3 a.m. Monday morning--bone tired! But we met many good people and will do it again on other weekends.

How about joining us ???  
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OFFSETS

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The offset of the 4½ in. and 5½ in. Porsche rims is approximately the same.

According to March issue of DerVorganger (Potomac PCA) and a representative of the U.S. Bureau of Statistics the measurements are as follows: for 1966 & 1967 rim width 4½ the offset is 1.69 in; 1968-70 rim width 5½ the offset is 1.73 in.; the 904 rim 6 in. has a 1.66 offset.

FOR  
THE  
LOVE  
OF A  
PORSCHE !!!

How does it feel to sit firmly ensconced in the driver's seat of your own Porsche? How many years had you seen those funny little German cars go by? What is the almost romantic appeal to aficionados of the world's finest sports car?

This writer is in the process of finding out the answer to these sweet mysteries. For many years, some of them spent in racing and driving lesser machines, I would see these Porsches and their drivers moving in the mainstream of sports cars. The drivers seem to be a cut above the average. The cars were always running well, good looking, and even when they weren't winning, they were in their pitching. Always a contender and at times when conditions were right, were dusting off much bigger machines.

Owning a Porsche means a lot more than being just a car nut. You have to be aware of what's going on in the world. You have to speak with authority of tires, sway bars, tuned exhaust systems, Brumos Porsche, Ferdinand Porsche, how Porsche ran at Sebring, fair trade agreements with Germany, and how about all this talk of pollution.

A Porsche driver never waves at another make of sports car. He only returns the wave, and he must not do that too enthusiastically. Of course, to pass another Porsche without some sign of recognition is a cardinal sin. Shortly after getting my own 356, I passed a 914 who was giving me a sign with his head lights. I reached for my own to answer, but I pulled every knob except the right one. Soon he was half a mile behind me and I was executing a U-Turn to try and catch up and show him that I was sorry.

Due to traffic tie ups and poor driving, I never saw him again so if he's reading, please accept my humblest.

Most of you know the feelings I'm experiencing now. The pride in my mount. The feeling that you experience when you shift smoothly from second to third with that distinctive sound that makes even the Detroit Iron move over with respect. There are many otherways that the novice Porsche owner feels.

Many of you could add a longer list to what I have written. It might be a good idea to hold a contest to see who can compile the longest list. Things like pride, snob appeal, performance, road handling, and many more.

But when you boil it all down, it adds up to nothing but "LOVE". We are doing our Thing.

Michael L. Huggins

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TECHNICAL COLUMN

Many times little items come up concerning your Porsche and you wish that you could get a professional to answer your question. Therefore, members are asked to send all technical questions to the newsletter editor. These will be sent to Brumos Porsche in Jacksonville, Fla., and will be answered by Sigfried Mayerland, the new Brumos Service Manager.

The question and answer will then appear in the next edition of the Palmetto Newsletter.

This service is being provided to our members at no cost. Brumos was very eager to help when we asked for this service and told us that they would like to help in any way possible at any time. We can't ask for more co-operation than that!

So, please send in those questions.

Sports Calendar

August:

- 21 NASCAR 100 mile Grand American Challenge Race Kingsport, Tenn.
- 22 NASCAR 200 mile Grand American Challenge Race Talladega, Ala.
- 22-23 SCCA Regional Race, Gainesville, Ga.
- 23 NASCAR 500 mile Grand Nat'l. Stock Car Race Talladega, Ala.
- 28-29 Muscle Shoals Antique Auto Club Invit. Meet Florence, Ala.
- 28-30 AHRA World Championship Drag Race Bristol, Tenn.
- 29 100 mile Formula Ford Race Bristol, Tenn.
- 29-30 SCCA Driver's School Chennault AFB Lake Charles, LA.
- 29 SCCA divisional rally Lexington, Ky.
- 30 NASCAR 150 mile Grand Nat'l. Stock Car Race, Hillsborough, NC

September:

- 4-6 "Rebel Rennfast", Atlanta, Ga. by Peachstate PCA (concours d'elegance, rally, autocross, trophies, door prizes, etc.) contact: Sam Miller 3492 Hillstone Ct. NE Atlanta, Ga. 30319
- 6 Italian Grand Prix, Monza, Italy
- 7 NASCAR 500 mile Grand Nat'l. Stock Car Race, Darlington, S.C.
- 11 NASCAR 100 mile Grand Nat'l. Stock Car Race, Hickory, N.C.
- 12 SCCA divisional rally Bluegrass, Ky.
- 13 CAM-AM Pro Race, Atlanta, Ga.
- 25-27 "Octoberfast", St. Petersburg, Fla. by Suncoast PCA (beer bash, cocktail party, concours, rally, autocross, trophies, door prizes, etc.) contact: Norman Miville 1875 Almeria Way South St. Petersburg, Fla. 33712

Sports Calendar cont'd.

September:

- 26-27 SCCA Nat'l. Race Savannah, Ga.
- 27 SCCA Charleston Region Autocross Avco-Lycoming back parking lot

October:

- 24-25 SCCA Nat'l. Race Atlanta, Ga.

WANT ADS.

(Editor's note: This column is to be a regular feature of the Palmetto Region Newsletter. Any PCA member desiring to sell or buy any item may submit the ad. either typed or written to the newsletter editor. Ads. must be submitted by the 2nd Friday of each month. This service is provided free to PCA members.)

For Sale: 1963 Buick <sup>INVICTA</sup> ~~Innata~~ Station Wagon- power steering, power brakes, radio (rear speaker), heater, good tires, ~~baggage~~ rack; bronze & white; good condition. \$450. Phone Charleston 556-0371

For Sale: 1960 VW bus- no engine, can easily be made into camper. Best offer. Call Warren Chard phone Charleston 884-9920

For Sale: Miscellaneous Porsche parts (356 series). Phone Chas. 886-8291 evening or 577-3074 office. Ask for Roland.

For Sale: Stock 912 muffler in good condition. Make offer. Luggage Shelf for 912 Targa. Make offer. Contact C.H. Stehr, M.D., Naval Hospital, Beaufort, South Carolina.

Wanted: Consultation with anyone having first hand experience in refinishing cars which have been stripped by sandblasting. Contact Bill Fowler, Char. 552-0469

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP ROLL

- ✓ 1 Arthur W. Allison, III Charleston, S.C. ✓
- 2 James & Kim Blakely Fountain Inn, S.C. NEW
- 3 Jack & Vicki Brown Charleston Heights, S.C. NEW
- ✓ (Dr.) Clarence & Francis Calcote Charleston, S.C. NEW
- 5 Warren & Diane Chard Mount Pleasant, S.C. ✓
- 6 (Capt.) William & Bernadette Christie Sumter, S.C. NEW
- 7 ~~Sgt. Donald M. Cole~~ Sumter, S.C.
- 8 Pete & Sondra Cristallo Charleston, S.C. NEW
- Charles & Beverly Dickinson Myrthle Beach, S.C..
- 11 ~~William & Carolyn Dillon Hanahan, S.C.~~
- 11 (Capt.) Bill & Holly Fowler Charleston, S.C. NEW
- ✓ Robert & Helen Furnans Charleston, S.C. ✓
- 12 Lt. Michael Goldberg Charleston, S.C.
- Roland A. Guadagni Isle of Palms, S.C.
- 13 (Capt.) Kenneth & Awilda Hallbauer Sumter, S.C.
- (Dr.) Ray & Sallie Hayes Charleston, S.C.
- Laurence & Kathy Hook Summerville, S.C.
- Warren Kirkland Charlston, S.C. NEW
- Donald Montgomery Charleston, S.C.
- ✓ Capt. Alan Niles Sumter, S.C.
- ✓ <sup>Michay O Connel</sup> Dr. Doug Parham, Jr. Charleston, S.C.
- ✓ <sup>Conrad Plyler</sup> Jeffrey L. Ream <sup>Charlston</sup> Sumter, S.C..
- (Dr.) Brian & Mildred Smith Isle of Palms, S.C.
- (Dr.) Christian & Gudrun Stehr Beaufort, S.C. NEW
- ✓ Parker Stokes Charleston, S.C.
- ✓ Allen Willis Charleston, S.C.
- James & Brenda Huffman Charleston, S.C. NEW
- ✓ Mike Huggins Charleston, S.C. NEW
- 30 Dr. Charles Seher (application in) Charleston, S.C. NEW
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NOTE TO ALL MEMBERS:

Please talk up the P.C.A. to all Porsche owners that you know. In order that we can build up our membership, we are asking all members to make a real effort to turn in the name and address of a Porsche owner not on our roll to the club secretary, Caroline Dillon. Try to submit one name this month !